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LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the patent application.

Claims 1-5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (amended): A buckle comprising:

a socket;

a plug having a tip end to be inserted to the socket and to be released from the socket by pressing from both sides of the socket, the plug having a base formed on a base end, at least a pair of lock arms extending from the base to the tip end of the plug, at least one guide bar disposed between the lock arms, an engaging part formed on a part of the lock arm to be engageable with the socket, and a pressing part disposed at a part of the lock arm to be pressed when the socket is released; and

a bridge connecting the parts of at least the pair of the lock arms and extending around a tip end of the guide ~~bar~~ bar;

wherein the tip end of the guide bar is located on the side of the tip end of the plug relative to the both ends of the bridge and the bridge extends around the tip end of the guide bar at the central part thereof without contacting the tip end of the guide bar.

Claim 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (new): The buckle according to claim 6, wherein the bridge is approximately V-shaped bent at the central part.

Claim 9 (new): The buckle according to claim 8, wherein the center angle of the approximately V-shaped is 90 degrees or less.